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BEGIN SUMMARY: IN A SPEECH CELEBRATING COMPLETION OF AN  
IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, QADHAFI MILDLY  
CRITICIZED U.S. FOR ITS ACCUSATIONS OF LIBYAN TERRORISM BUT  
DID NOT MENTION U.S. DENIAL OF AIRCRAFT AND SPARE PARTS. HE  
CITED AN APPARENT HISTORICAL REFERENCE TO LIBYANS AS "MASTER  
PEOPLE" AND STATED LIBYAN DESIRE TO MANUFACTURE WEAPONS.  
END SUMMARY.

1. COLONEL QADHAFI WAS BACK IN GOOD FORM IN HIS SPEECH  
MARCH 25 AT A CELEBRATION IN CYRENAICA WHERE PROVISIONAL  
TITLES TO THE NEW FARMS OF THE IMPRESSIVE JEBHAL AKHTAR  
PROJECT WERE DISTRIBUTED. DURING AN HOUR OF SPEECHES BY  
THE MINOR ACTORS, QADHAFI SMILINGLY ACCEPTED THE NOISY  
ADULATION OF THE CLAQUE THAT HABITUALLY GOES THROUGH  
ITS WELL-COACHED PACES BEFORE THE SPEAKER'S PLATFORM.  
THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE CROWD, INCLUDING THE FARMERS  
RECEIVING TITLES, WERE ESSENTIALLY PASSIVE AND SHOWED  
LITTLE REACTION TO THE POLITICAL BOMBAST. QADHAFI  
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PERSONALLY HANDED OUT TITLES TO A DOZEN FARMERS.

2. QADHAFI EXTOLLED THE REVOLUTION WHICH HAD BROUGHT  
1,011 DEVELOPED FARMS COMPLETE WITH LIVESTOCK, TRACTORS  
AND OTHER EQUIPMENT, AND SEVEN-ROOM MODERN HOUSES  
REPORTED TO HAVE COST \$100,000 EACH TO FARMERS WHO  
WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE TO REPAY ONLY 25 PERCENT OF THE

COST. HE COMPARED THIS TO THE PREVIOUS REGIME WHERE A FORMER "FEUDALIST PRIME MINISTER" HAD STOLEN 7,000 HECTARES OF THE LAND NOW BEING HANDED OUT. CITING THE CLASSLESSNESS OF LIBYAN SOCIETY, QADHAFI DECLARED, ACCORDING TO A JANA QUOTATION, "THE PEOPLE ARE THE MASTER AND AS HOMEROS ONCE SAID THE LIBYANS ALONE ARE THE MASTER PEOPLE." QADHAFI WENT ON TO DESCRIBE HOW EVERYONE IS A SOLDIER IN THE REVOLUTION WHICH MUST BE DEFENDED, GRADUALLY GETTING AROUND TO MENTIONING THE "ZIONIST ENEMY" AND TAKING A DIG AT UNNAMED COUNTRIES WHICH HAD SURRENDERED TO THE ZIONISTS EVEN THOUGH THEY OUTNUMBERED THEM. THIS SURRENDER WAS BECAUSE OF THE SOCIAL SITUATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES, AND THE FACT THAT THE PEOPLE HAD NOTHING TO DEFEND BUT POVERTY AND DEPRIVATION.

3. THE U.S. WAS THE ONLY COUNTRY CRITICIZED BY NAME, AND THE PRESIDENT WAS ALSO MENTIONED BY NAME. REFERRING TO FOREIGN ALLEGATIONS OF LIBYAN TERRORISM, QADHAFI SAID, ACCORDING TO A FBIS PARAPHRASE OF A FRAGMENT OF THE SPEECH WHICH IT MONITORED, "BUT LET THEM TELL THE AMERICANS, FROM CARTER TO THE SMALLEST PERSON, LET THESE NAIVE PEOPLE COME AND SEE THE TRANSFORMATION OF DESERTS IN LIBYA INTO ARABLE LAND. IS THIS TERRORISM?" JANA LEFT OUT MENTION OF PRESIDENT, QUOTING QADHAFI AS SAYING "WE MUST SAY TO THE FOOLISH, NAIVE AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IGNORANTS IN AMERICA: COME HERE AND SEE WHAT GOES ON THE SOIL OF THE JAMAHIRIYAH. IF TRANSFORMATION OF DESERT INTO GREEN LAND IS CONSIDERED TERRORISM, THEN TERRORISM IS GOOD." REFERRING TO ALLEGATIONS THAT LIBYA IS AN ARSENAL, QADHAFI SAID "YES, WE ACTUALLY OWN THESE ARMS BECAUSE THEY (UNSPECIFIED) ALSO OWN ATOMIC BOMBS AND INTERCONTINENTAL MISSILES." HE DECLARED THAT LIBYA WISHED TO MANUFACTURE ITS OWN ARMS, AND CLOSED BY STATING THAT THE JAMAHIRIYAH STANDS FOR DOING GOOD, BUT DOING GOOD IS NOT WELCOME THESE DAYS AND MUST BE DEFENDED WITH ARMS. THE FRUITS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MUST BE PROTECTED BY MILITARY POWER.  
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